Fall Exercises for the 2015 Commencement of Northwestern State University of Louisiana

Friday, December 18, 2015
Prather Coliseum
Natchitoches, Louisiana

TO OUR GUESTS

The faculty and staff of Northwestern State University welcome you to the one hundred thirtieth fall commencement exercises. This is a happy occasion, but yet a dignified occasion. It is a time of recognition of the graduates' years of study and is important and meaningful to the graduates and their families, staff, and students of Northwestern State University. Guests and participants are requested to maintain a proper decorum during the ceremony by avoiding unnecessary movement about the seating area and by withholding applause until the entire class has been graduated. We heartily welcome you to the commencement exercises of Northwestern State University.

To the Graduates From The President

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations on this personal milestone as you receive a degree from Northwestern State University. I hope this day is being shared with those who have been beside you as you have worked to graduate.

For more than 130 years, Northwestern State has helped shape graduates who have gone on to successful careers in business, journalism, medicine, education, industry, technology, the arts, and virtually every career field imaginable. Today, you become part of that rich history and tradition joining more than 75,000 Northwestern State alumni, including Tonia and me, in all 50 states and nations around the world. Regardless of the degree you are receiving today, there is no doubt our faculty has prepared you for the varied and exciting opportunities you will encounter in the years to come.

The degree you receive today is quite valuable. Over time, a degree can gain value because of what you and other members of this graduating class achieve along with past and future alumni. All of us alumni have a stake in each other's success and in the continued advancement of our beloved university.

In the years to come, please maintain the ties you have developed with classmates, faculty, and staff. Those relationships you have developed will become even more important as time passes. One way to keep those ties is to join the Northwestern Alumni Association. It is one of the best ways you can interact with people who share a common interest, keep up with developments at the university, and support Northwestern.

Enjoy your special day and never underestimate the things you can accomplish.

Dr. Jim Henderson
President

Nicole Vasquez

Nicole Vasquez was the 2016 State High School Teacher of the Year. She teaches at Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport, providing instruction in ninth and tenth grade English and eleventh and twelfth grade liberal arts which covers philosophy and multicultural perspectives. She has taught general, enriched, honors, and gifted phases. For the past three years, she has taught summer school classes in English, social studies, and English language arts for grades eight through twelve.

At Captain Shreve, Vasquez serves as co-sponsor for Z-Club, a service organization with more than a hundred girls in grades ten through twelve. She has been Youth and Government co-sponsor and Drama Club sponsor. Vasquez has performed a variety of volunteer roles working at club fundraisers and other extracurricular activities.

Vasquez is a 2007 graduate of Northwestern State, earning a bachelor's in secondary education. She obtained a master's in special education, gifted, in 2010 from NSU and a certification in secondary social studies from Northwestern State in 2011. Vasquez is a 2003 graduate of Leesville High School.

In 2007 and 2012, Vasquez developed and organized information for SACS accreditation. Currently, she is a member of the High School Graduation Task Force, working with the director of high schools and other high school teachers to increase graduation rates and options for graduates such as field-based certifications.

She was a presenter to the Louisiana Council of Teachers of English in 2013 on how to conduct Socratic Seminars, adapt seminars to different types of classrooms, and create effective questions. Her presentation also modeled how to facilitate leadership roles in Socratic Seminars. Vasquez has also made school-based professional development on the same subjects.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015
10:00 A.M.

Music provided by the Northwestern State University Symphony Orchestra
Dr. Douglas Bakenhus, Conductor

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION ..... *Damian Michael Glover*
Graduating Senior, College of Arts and Sciences

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... *Emma Victoria Harrison*
Graduating Senior, College of Education and Human Development

WELCOME ..... *Dr. Jim Henderson*
President, Northwestern State University

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... *Jasmine D. Gobert*
Senior, Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... *Nicole Vasquez*
2016 Louisiana High School Teacher of the Year

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES ..... *Dr. Lisa Abney*
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES ..... *Dr. Abney*

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS ..... *Lillie Frazier Bell*
University Registrar

Dr. Steve Horton
Vice Provost and
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Graduate School
Graduate Degrees
Bachelor/Associate Degrees

Dr. Vickie Gentry
Dean of the Gallaspy Family College of
Education and Human Development
Bachelor Degrees

CONFERRING OF DEGREES ..... *Dr. Henderson*

CLOSING REMARKS ..... *Dr. T. Davina McClain*
Associate Professor of Classics, Louisiana Scholars' College

THE ALMA MATER – Air: "The Watch on the Rhine" ..... *Emma Victoria Harrison*

RECESSIONAL

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015
3:00 P.M.

Music provided by the Northwestern Symphony Orchestra
Dr. Douglas Bakenhus, Conductor

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION ..... *Damian Michael Glover*
Graduating Senior, College of Arts and Sciences

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... *Emma Victoria Harrison*
Graduating Senior, College of Education and Human Development

WELCOME ..... *Dr. Jim Henderson*
President, Northwestern State University

PRESENTATION OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREE ..... *Dr. Henderson*

Rachel M. Boiles
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... *Jasmine D. Gobert*
Senior, Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... *Nicole Vasquez*
2016 Louisiana High School Teacher of the Year

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES ..... *Dr. Lisa Abney*
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES ..... *Dr. Abney*

AWARDING OF COMMISSIONS ..... *LTC Katherine Carlson*
Head, Department of Military Science

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS ..... *Lillie Frazier Bell*
University Registrar

Dr. Steve Horton, Vice Provost and
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Graduate School
Graduate Degrees

Dr. Dana C. Clawson
Dean of the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health
Bachelor/Associate Degrees

Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne
Interim Dean of the College of Business and Technology
Bachelor/Associate Degrees

CONFERRING OF DEGREES ..... *Dr. Henderson*

CLOSING REMARKS ..... *LeahAnn Young*
Assistant Professor of Nursing

THE ALMA MATER – Air: "The Watch on the Rhine" .... *Emma Victoria Harrison*

RECESSIONAL

FACULTY MARSHALS

10:00 A.M.

Dr. William Dickens

Dr. . Marcia McLure Hardy

3:00 P.M.

Mr. Paul Pharris

Dr. Ben Rushing

COMMISSIONEES IN THE ARMED FORCES

FALL 2015

Alejandro Mauricio Cespedes
Coleman Douglas Hearne

STUDENT USHERS

The students leading the candidates into the auditorium represent the Northwestern State University student organizations of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity and Purple Jackets Club. Both organizations are honorary service groups that are highly selective in nature and provide service to the University in many ways throughout the year. Purple Jackets was originated in 1927; Blue Key was begun at Northwestern State University in 1959. It is a Northwestern tradition for a representative of each of these two organizations to lead each file into the commencement ceremony.

GONFALONS

The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state of office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias.

The gonfalons displayed represent the academic areas of Northwestern State University. The colors of the University, purple and white, are used for each gonfalon along with a design representative of each academic area.

HONOR GRADUATES
SUMMER 2015

MAGNA CUM LAUDE
(G.P.A. 3.89 – 3.70)

Stephenie Lauren Burke
Rebekah Joy Burnett
Paxton Samuel Cook
Courtney Lynn Fitzgerald
Cheryl Lynn Garrett
Rachel Langley Langford
Stephanie Ann Lineberry
Mallory Beth McCain
Andrea Kelly Meziere
Katherine K. Nappier
Mallory Caitlin Oliver
Kayla Nicole Slocum
Susanna Christine Squyres
Meghan A. Wallace

CUM LAUDE
(G.P.A. 3.69 – 3.50)

Courtney Lynne Ascencio
Corwin M. Barnes
Roy Lynn Belcher
Brenna A. Bordelon
Vonetta Faye Cook
Megan Michelle France
Marlicia Di'Chelle Jones
Liana Morgan Kay
Carolyn Ann Knebl
Vandalyn Leenez Lister
Brittany Nichole Little
Megan Elizabeth Louque
Katherine Frances Medica
Ryan Taylor Moore
Brooke Marlene Moseley
Emma Claire Hughes Patterson
Chelsi LeAnn Ragan
Ashley Claire Rovira
Megan Alaine Smith
Lauren Jackson Stanly
Allison Paige Walker

HONOR GRADUATES
FALL 2015

SUMMA CUM LAUDE
(G.P.A. 4.00 – 3.90)

Ashton Taylor Averitt
Jennifer Briann Barnhill
Haley Faircloth Campbell
Lauren Elizabeth Carroll
Lesley S. Dykes
Carly Paige Funderburk
Jared Rayshard Humbles
Daniel Roy Jones
Tatiana Larina
Joanna Elizabeth McFarling
Sabrina Granger Sharpe
Doretta Jean Smith

MAGNA CUM LAUDE
(G.P.A. 3.89 – 3.70)

Ashley Dawn Adams
Rachel Anne Adams
India Gabrielle Adams-Pickens
Brittany Nicole Amerson
Julia Angelle Barry
Ellisa Marie Boothe
Stephen Glen Bynum
Rebecca Johnson Collins
Thelford Deward Davis III
Collin Taylor Decker
Maddaline Elizabeth Bailey Dempsey
Tess Julianna Dowdle
Lara Hope Duncan
Natasha N. Edwards
Rylan Shay Flugence
Emma Victoria Harrison
Adam David Jones
Matthew Kevin Killian
Amber Lynn Lamers
Riley Joseph McCalister
Janney Arthur Mitchell
Tyra Gabrielle Morrison
Kimberly Yanid Pimentel
Amber Charisse Raggio
Angel Ann Remedies
Brett Alexander Rodriguez
Dana Victoria Thompson
Isabella Marie Vazquez
Jessica N. Wells
Jordan Renee' White

CUM LAUDE
(G.P.A. 3.69 – 3.50)

Helen Rebecca Anderson
Ryan Cheaney Andress
William Dean Bechtel
Zachary Glen Blundell
Alesia Charnae Bobo
Morgan Nicole Bolin
Ivory Monte Breland
Dalton Robert Carroll
Tracey Renee Davis
Carlton David Estes
Nakeya Tiheash Fontenette
William Caleb Gaston
Jasey Erin Brook Gilbert
Angela Danielle Gourdon
Melissa Lauren Hanson
Melissa Wood Harmon
Thuy Thanh Hoang
Eryn Hollier
Mariah Nichole James
Sarah A. Jones
Dana Lynn Jordan
Jason Patrick Kuilan
Sloan T. Larriviere
Jody Dale Maynard
Rayce Alan Mayor
Trevor Dustin McCray
Tessie Renee Myers
Kelsie LeAnn Neighbors
Caitlin Riane O'Connell
Alexander Thomas Oetken
Kayla Elizabeth Possoit
Caitlin Elizabeth Roberts
Edward Anthony Ruggers
Pamela M. Rushing
Brooklynn Paige Sanders
Shaina Renee' Saucier
Carly Jessica Smith
Megan Ashley Stanley
Tiffany Nicole Toliver
Taylor Marie Vagrin
Michael James Verbick

PHI KAPPA PHI

The national Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was the first to recognize superior scholarship in all fields of study and to take into membership the highest-ranking students from all branches of learning. Since chapters elect no more than the upper ten percent of a graduating class, membership is a distinction unequaled by any other scholarly group. Faculty and students who are members wear the medallion of the Society. Members from this graduating class are:

Brittany Nicole Amerson
Rodney J. Anderson
Julia Angelle Barry
Ellisa Marie Boothe
Ivory Monte Breland
Antresiya Nychelle Brown
Stephen Glen Bynum
Bobbi Sell Caballero
Haley Faircloth Campbell
Lauren Elizabeth Carroll
Shakia Darnell Davis
Lokahi Ke'alohi Delovio
Maddaline Elizabeth Bailey Dempsey
Arman R. Douglas
Lesley S. Dykes
Natasha N. Edwards
Courtney Elizabeth Espenan
Carlton David Estes
Theresa Noel Felton
Joshua Aaron Fransik
Christolyn Charmaine French
Carly Paige Funderburk
Cheryl Lynn Garrett
Rosalie C. Griffin
Carolyn Dianne Hale
Emma Victoria Harrison
Adam David Jones
Daniel Roy Jones
Marlicia Di'Chelle Jones
Amber Lynn Lamers
Rachel Langley Langford
Tatiana Larina
Deborah Jean Banker Lawrence
Dawn Marie Liebenguth
Riley Joseph McCalister
Joanna Elizabeth McFarling
Katherine Frances Medica
Ryan Taylor Moore
Frida Kristel Monjardin Navejas
Sarah L. Odom
Alexander Thomas Oetken
Mallory Caitlin Oliver
Amber Charisse Raggio
Angel Ann Remedies
Brett Alexander Rodriguez
Pamela M. Rushing
Gifford Michael Saravia
Sabrina Granger Sharpe
Amber Nicole Spurgeon
Lauren Jackson Stanly
Dana Victoria Thompson
Tiffany Nicole Toliver
Isabella Marie Vazquez
Allison Paige Walker
Jessica N. Wells
Jordan Renee' White
Tammy Sabrina Wilkerson
Shannon Nixon Youngblood

Candidates for Graduation
Graduate Summer 2015

Master Degrees

Jalyn Eliese Ayo, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical
Thesis: Can Personality and Problematic Cell Phone Usage Predict Anxiety in College Students when Cellular Access is Restricted?

Marcus Lee Bennett, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction

Sarah W. Bernard, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction

Tonya Sue Brady, Master of Arts, English

**Jason K. Chandler, Master of Education, Special Education*

**Charles Jeffery Darwin, Master of Arts*
Thesis: Employing Visual Storytelling Techniques to Teach Design

**Arman R. Douglas, Master of Arts, Adult Education*

**Allison M. Durham, Master of Education, Special Education*

Eddie C. Gibson, Jr., Master of Arts, English

**Bill Gingles, Master of Arts*

**Laurel Karikari, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical*
Thesis: The Effect Primary Drug and Therapeutic Commnities Have on Motivation

**Diane Leigh McMurry, Master of Arts, English*

Helena Ellen Miles, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical

Karen L. Murphy, Master of Arts, English

**Sarah L. Odom, Master of Arts, English*

**Lily June Thompson, Master of Arts*
Creative Research Project: Exploring Buddhist Philosophy Through Imagery of the Lotus Flower

**Crystal Carver Veronie, Master of Arts, English*

**Denotes 4.0 in Degree Program*

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
BACHELOR DEGREE
CANDIDATES
SUMMER 2015

Harry Tammond Anderson
Brandon R. Banks
*Corwin M. Barnes**
*Brenna A. Bordelon**
Jarome Darnell Davis
Kelsi Jo Dupree
Michael Seth Easterly
Timothy John Fanguy
Stefan Jacob Foster
Erica L. Friday
*Cheryl Lynn Garrett**
Philip Luke Hall
Jamie Dashawn Hardin
Jacobian M. Jones
Jourdan A. Jurek
*Katherine K. Nappier**
Joshlan Sheantrell Raymo
Bianca Shawnee Robinson
*Ashley Claire Rovira**
Shandi Sharnelle Russell
*Robert Skok**
Shea Lynn Swinford
Lynnshya M. Ward, Jr.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
ASSOCIATE DEGREE
CANDIDATES
SUMMER 2015

Shelton Ralph Alexander, Sr.
*Kyra Sambria Armstrong**
Breana Nycole Ashley
Kimberly Ashley
Joelle Ballon
Brittany Marie Barrow
Korey Lawrence Bayonne
Chelsey Marie Berlin
Suzanne Philebar Blake
Joseph Dale Blalock
Angelle Marie Boudreaux
*Brittany Lenora Brooks**
Jaterica Janay Brown
Earl Arron Broyles, Jr.
Kayla Renn Bull
Lisa Renee Byles
Mark Anthony Carrier
Kymberlee Antyra Chenier
Richard Burton Chenvert, Jr.
Pearl E. Clifton-LaVergne
Nicole Renée Coincon
Helen Potter Cooper
Robert Angelo Cumo, Jr.
Scott Anthony Cunningham
Emily Christine Dauzat
*Sarah Bordelon Dauzat**
Gena LaRose Davis
Gregory Markeith Davis
*Philip Owen Dear**
*Jessica Marie Farr**
*Shea Catherine Flynn**
Brooke Elizabeth Ford
Stephen Michael Freshley
Charles Tyler Garner
*Landon Payne Garrett**
Katrina Lynn Gilson-Dauzat
*Justin Lamar Givens**
Lisa Lynette Green
*Megan LeAnn Green**
Jocelyn Jeree Griffin
Natasha L. Guidry
Erin Paige Hall
*Trekesha S. Hamilton**
Jessica Elaine Hammontree
Anntoinette Shunt'a Harris
E'ron Jakeith Harris
Charles Jason Heck
Courtney Elizabeth Hernandez
Ashley Morgan Hippler
Darnitha Brown Hudson
M'Andreia KeShae Hunter
Sabrina Michelle Jackson-Ward
Ashley Jenia' Johns
Teressa K. Jyles
*Nora Ann Solea Lersch**
Tiffany Aton Litton
Meagan Elizabeth Martin
Michael Desmond McCauley
Autumn Allain McCoy
Wanda Elaine McKinley
Jacqueline Evette McKinney

**Honor Roll for the Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree Program*

Metria Rhoshal Moore
Stacy Diane Moore
Travis L. Moore
*Jessica Linzay Moreau**
Ariane Monique Morgan
Joshua Clifton Nance
*Jessica Ninh**
Jenny Lynn Pickett
Joshua John Pierre
Chanelle April Piper
Anita Welch Powell
Michael Jamaal Prier
Ed Queen III
Danna Ewing Rabb
Vanessa Roberts
*Millicent Lorraine Rubin**
*Chelsie Deion Sapp**
Zachary Collin Sawyer
Ashley Rae Sexton
Ashley Mona Shelton
*Lillie Ann Shows**
De'Condria Marchell Smith
Derrick Houston Smith
Fredericca Simone Smith
Amanda Nicole Spillman
*Kimberly Renèe Spooner**
Sierra Rashel Stridiron
Cory Wayne Stroud
Tasha Marie Sullivan
Tonia Michaela Swiney
Ella Louise Turner
Marci Lyn Waddle
Brittany Young Walker
Lynnshya M. Ward, Jr.
*Amber Dawn Wenteler**
John Paul Williams
Ykethia Shantell Williams

GALLAPSY FAMILY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT BACHELOR DEGREE CANDIDATES SUMMER 2015

*Kerri Guillory Bernard**
*Angella Anne Blevins**
*Robyn Elysia Butler**
*Jordan C. Byrd**
*Cynthia Lynette Cage**
Destiny Annette-Jerlean Clayton
*Erin Blaise Cole**
*Danielle M. Conde**
*Paxton Samuel Cook**
*Vonetta Faye Cook**
*Morgan DeLong Cottingham**
Peggy Katherine Guy
Kimberly Ann Hudnall
Shirnelle Lee Lumar
Alyssa L. Martinez
Brianna Grace Marzett
*Jessica Evans Pentecost**
*Vanessa M. Posey**
Monica De'von Spencer

COLLEGE OF NURSING & SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH BACHELOR DEGREE CANDIDATES SUMMER 2015

*Courtney Lynne Ascencio**
*Kelly I. Barrett**
*Rebecca Renee Beaman**
*Roy Lynn Belcher**
*Andre' Richard Benson**
*Emily Ann Beridon**
*Ellen Anne Blaisdell-Ray**
Ashley Michelle Bordelon
*Melanie Anne Bradford**
*Michael K. Bradford**
*Stephenie Lauren Burke**
*Juliana Valerie Burnell**
*Rebekah Joy Burnett**
Edgar Anthony Byon
*Claudia Johanna Cardiel**
*Ariel Briana Carter**
Trey Kevin Cash
Joshua C. Chance
*Joelene Christine Cleveland**
Alexander Brice Clift
*Michelle Annette Collins**
*Meagan Book Creel**
*Katelyn Olivia Cripps**

**Honor Roll for the Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree Program*

*Taylor Kathleen Curry**
*Angenette Davis**
*Lokahi Ke'alohi Delovio**
*Valerie F. Devillier**
Amber Marie Doucet
*Victoria Denise Doyle**
Gayle Owens Elliott
*Madeline Faye Everett**
Stacy Denise Ferrell
*Stephanie Denise Ferrell**
*Courtney Lynn Fitzgerald**
*Stormy Paige Fitzgerald**
*Meagan Woodall Forrest**
*Megan Michelle France**
*Jessica Nicole Gilbertson**
*Rachel De'Ann Graves**
*Charles Luke Hankins**
*Kayla Marie Hardy**
*Shanequia Lawanne Harris**
*Kirsten Alexandra Heden**
Christopher Corey Heller
Joseph Hauser Hendrickson
*Lanie Skye Hesson**
Ramoana LaNay Holden
*Brooke Danielle Johnson**
*Marion N. E. Johnson**
*Marlicia Di'Chelle Jones**
*Rebecca LeeAnn Jones**
*Liana Morgan Kay**
*Carolyn Ann Knebl**
Savannah Ray Landers
*Rachel Langley Langford**
*Hannah Camille Lanier**
*Lisa LaTel Lee**
Tanesha Duwanda Lewis
*Dawn Marie Liebenguth**
*Stephanie Ann Lineberry**
*Vandalyn Leenez Lister**
*Brittany Nichole Little**
*Megan Elizabeth Louque**
Ashley Ernst Mathews
*Mallory Beth McCain**
Brett Landon McDonald
Courtney Christian McDonough
*Katherine Frances Medica**
*Andrea Kelly Meziere**
Michelle Lee Meziere
*Ryan Taylor Moore**
Margaret Avila Morgan
*Brooke Marlene Moseley**
*Sarah Elizabeth Mulhearn**
*Zalika Aminah Muslim**
Trang Natalie Ninh
*Jessie Kordish O'Connor**
*Mallory Caitlin Oliver**
*Michael Phillip Parrott**
*Emma Claire Hughes Patterson**
*Katherine Marie Payton**
*Taylor Leanna Poston**
*Tonya K. Powell**
*Leslie Nacole Rachal**
*Chelsi LeAnn Ragan**
*Susan MacKenzie Rainer**
*Monica Janelle Sanchez**
*Daniel Wayne Sanders**
*Kayla Nicole Slocum**
*Emily Adrian Smith**
*Lakyn Paige Smith**
*Megan Alaine Smith**
*Staci Lynn Smith**
Melissa Meshell Socia
*Kerry Dial Spearman**
*Susanna Christine Squyres**
*David Jordan Stamps**
*Benjamin Daniel Stanly**
*Lauren Jackson Stanly**
Amanda LeAnne Tarver
*Shannen Blaire Theriot**
Angela M. Thomas
*Chantelle Janellamarie Thorpe**
*Traci Renee Till**
*Olivia Hope Turner**
*Summer Nicole Urban**
Carla Janene McDougald Vandenoord
*Allison Paige Walker**
*Katlynd Kennedy Walker**
*Meghan A. Wallace**
Samantha S. Washington
Stephanie Rochelle Whitman
*Kathryn E. Williams**
*Tocurra A'Shanita Jeter Wong**
*Diana Joseph Woodley**
*Megan Nicole Wright**
*Ericka Ann Wynes**

**Honor Roll for the Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree Program*

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY BACHELOR DEGREE CANDIDATES SUMMER 2015

Tessa Laurice Anderson
Jonathan M. Bazley
*Yolonda B. Beverly**
Brandon Tyler Bird
Jessica Michelle Bunnell
Kyeshia Lashonda Coleman
*Richard Wayne Galloway II**
Anslee Nicole Heckel
*Lauren Vanessa Jones**
Dylan Hayes Laborde
Lessie LaCour
*Bradley Dale Lutrick**
*Terrian Lewis Mobley**
*Kanitta P. Ruiz**
Wa'Derrious O'Shea Sellers
Aram Nobar Vartenian

Candidates for Graduation
Graduate Fall 2015

Specialist in Education Degrees

**Christolyn Charmaine French, Educational Leadership and Instruction*
Thesis: From Administrators to Adolescent Learners: The Effects of Facilitated Goal Setting on Middle School Student Achievement

Tammy Sabrina Wilkerson, Educational Leadership and Instruction
Thesis: Examining the Family Quality of Life for Three Families of Preadolescents with Disabilities

**Denotes 4.0 in Degree Program*

Candidates for Graduation
Graduate Fall 2015
Master Degrees

**Erin Wiggins Angelo, Master of Education, Special Education*

Travis Jerome Batiste, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education

Alexi Nicole Beeson, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

Sarah Petrey Blough, Master of Education, Special Education

Christi Ann BlueFeather, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

**Antresiya Nychelle Brown, Master of Arts in Teaching*

**Erin Elizabeth Brown, Master of Education, Special Education*

Theophylieus Treyon Burks, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

Allison C. Byrnes, Master of Education, Educational Leadership

**Bobbi Sell Caballero, Master of Arts in Teaching*

Rogene Dominic Carter, Master of Education, Educational Technology Leader

**Laura Catherine Chicarello, Master of Music*
Performance Document: American Storyteller: The Music and Pedagogy of Wayne Lu

Andrew Wayne Clausen, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

Cody Allen Cloud, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical

Adam Lindsay Coleman, Master of Education, Educational Leadership

Michael Robison Cook, Master of Science, Homeland Security

**Erin Lindsay Courville, Master of Arts, English*
Thesis: Gifts from the Past and Hope for the Future: Foundation of Identity Requires Communication and Cultural Acceptance in Amy Tan's The Joy Luck Club

Robin Rider Courville, Master of Education, Educational Technology Leader

**Crystal Cutrera Daigle, Master of Education, Early Childhood Education*

Kyteja Sharde' Davidson, Master of Arts, Adult Education

**Denotes 4.0 in Degree Program*

Janet Evans Davis, Master of Education, Educational Technology Leader

**Kaitlin Elizabeth Davis, Master of Education, Early Childhood Education*

**Shakia Darnell Davis, Master of Education, Special Education*

**Wesley Lyle Dehm, Master of Education, Educational Leadership*

Irfan Demir, Master of Education, Educational Technology Leader

**Janell Price DePrato, Master of Education, Special Education*

Jose Antonio Hernandez Dubon, Master of Science, Psychology, Clinical

**Courtney Elizabeth Espenan, Master of Arts, Counseling*

Eric Joseph Fairchild, Master of Arts, English

Alana Wilson Faul, Master of Education, Special Education

**Theresa Noel Felton, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance*

Melinda Guidry Fields, Master of Arts in Teaching

Donald Paul Fischer, Master of Arts, English
Thesis: The Impact of Norman Maclean's A River Rush Through It on a Socially Constructed Cultural Imagination of the American West

Sarah Marie Giroir, Master of Arts in Teaching

April Hooper Gordon, Master of Education, Early Childhood Education

Betti Lea Gregg, Master of Arts, English

**Rosalie C. Griffin, Master of Education, Special Education*

Donna Renee Stroud Guillory, Master of Education, Educational Technology Leader

**Carolyn Dianne Hale, Master of Education, Special Education*

Timmakah Shanay Hardy, Master of Arts in Teaching

Julie Bell Harper, Master of Education, Special Education

**John Charles Harrison, Master of Education, Educational Technology Leader*

Kathryn Mercil Hebert, Master of Education, Special Education

Jennifer Colleen Henning, Master of Arts, English

**Denotes 4.0 in Degree Program*

Michelle Lane Higson, Master of Arts, Counseling

Angela Diane Hood, Master of Arts in Teaching

Gina Ann Istre, Master of Arts in Teaching

Geralyn A. Janice, Master of Arts, Adult Education

Taralah Mehir Jeansonne, Master of Arts, Counseling

Mason Anthony Joiner, Master of Arts, English
Thesis: The Lost Plays of Tenesae

Tasha Shawn Jones, Master of Science, Homeland Security

Carolyn Gordon Kenney, Master of Arts, English
Thesis: Twists of Fate: A Nonfiction Novella of the Vietnam War

Victoria Khanevskaya, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

**Erin Nicole King, Master of Arts, Counseling*

Polina Konop, Master of Science, Health and Human Performance

**Al M. Landry, Master of Arts, Adult Education*

**Deborah Jean Banker Lawrence, Master of Education, Educational Technology Leader*

Tiffany Renae LeMay, Master of Arts in Teaching

**Schbrett A. Lewis, Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction*

Ashley K. Liles, Master of Arts, Counseling

**Kristina Marie Lombardo, Master of Arts, Student Affairs in Higher Education*

Melissa B. Martarona, Master of Arts, Counseling

Emily Kratochvil Martin, Master of Arts in Teaching

Shelby Lynn McCain, Master of Arts, Counseling

**Jennifer Lynn Young McDowell, Master of Arts in Teaching*

Christopher L. Mixon, Master of Arts, Adult Education

**Wendy Rebecca Myers, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences*

Valerie Brown Oates, Master of Arts, English

**Denotes 4.0 in Degree Program*

Gabriele V. Patterson, Master of Arts, Adult Education

Andrea Lea Payne, Master of Arts in Teaching

Sonja Smith Polley, Master of Arts, Counseling

**Janyce Marie Prier, Master of Science, Radiologic Sciences*

Luke James Renard, Master of Science, Homeland Security

**Gifford Michael Saravia, Master of Arts, Adult Learning & Development*

Rebecca-Summer Ione Sexson, Master of Arts in Teaching

**Nicholas Evon Sheppard, Master of Science, Homeland Security*

Amber Nicole Spurgeon, Master of Arts in Teaching

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THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIN, REGALIA, and the MACE

The President's Chain holds the seal of the University, which is cast in bronze. Around the black satin ribbon holding the seal are 17 engraved platelets of bronze. Each platelet bears the name of a former president of Northwestern and the years he served. Chains of similar design have been worn for centuries during ceremonies at universities. This chain is unique in recognizing the leaders who have served Northwestern while most others are original works of art.

The President's Chain was presented to the University by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to commemorate the University's commitment to academic excellence for 125 years.

The President's Regalia was presented to Dr. James Henderson on the occasion of his investiture as the 18th President of Northwestern State University in 2015. The regalia was designed by the Student Government Association and is a gift to Dr. Henderson on behalf of the student body and symbolizes the mutual trust, respect, and collaboration between the students and the University administration.

Academic regalia dates back to the Medieval universities of Europe and is based on clerical robes worn at that time. The President's Regalia is comprised of a purple robe and hood with velvet panels and bars with white piping in the University's colors. The front panels are emblazoned with seal of the University, and the four bars on the sleeves are exclusive to the regalia of the President.

The Mace is a wooden staff designed and manufactured by local craftsman George Olivier of Olivier's Fine Cypress Furniture. Crowning the top is a four-faceted block which bears casts of the four seals of the University's history – The State Normal School, Louisiana State Normal College, Northwestern State College, and Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

The Mace originated as a weapon in the Middle Ages. Archers and other unmounted warriors used it as a hand arm. Sergeants at arms, who were guards of kings and other high officials, also carried maces. Gradually the mace gained a ceremonial character and became a symbol to denote authority.

The Mace Bearer is the President of the University's Faculty Senate. The ceremonial Mace symbolizes the dignity and authority of the University.

Mace Bearer

Dr. Massimo Bezoari

COMMENCEMENT COMMENTARY

The practice of wearing academic attire extends back to Medieval times and the Renaissance when teachers and students in European universities wore caps, gowns, and hoods. The long sleeves of the gowns and the deep hoods were used to carry books and refreshments. Each European university developed its own style of dress and strict rules for its design. In the United States, most institutions have agreed on a uniform design and color code.

Although the wearing of academic regalia in this country is now limited to formal occasions, the attire may be considered the mark of the professional scholar and teacher. The style and color serve as symbols of academic achievement.

Holders of the associate, bachelor's, master's, and specialist's degrees wear purple gowns; the pattern and trimming differ for each degree. Originally, the bachelor's gowns were made of serge or worsted and the master's gowns were made of serge, worsted, or silk; but now synthetic fabrics are also used. The master's and specialist's gowns are distinguished by their long pointed sleeves with a slit for the arm at either the elbow or wrist.

The doctor's gown is made of silk and may be in a color other than black. It has rounded, open sleeves, and the trimming includes velvet facing down the front and three bars of velvet on the sleeves. The velvet may be black or the color appropriate to the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

Holders of all degrees wear caps, popularly known as mortarboards, to which a long tassel, the color of which indicates the academic discipline of the degree, is fastened and hangs over the left side of the cap. Doctors and presidents of institutions may wear tassels of gold thread.

At Northwestern State University, students earning bachelor's, master's and specialist's degrees wear purple and white tassels and students earning associate degrees wear purple tassels. The hoods of the candidates for advanced Northwestern State University degrees are lined with the colors of the University, purple and white. The colors of the edging of hoods and tassels of the mortarboards are representative of the degree:

Arts, Letters, and Humanities .....White
Education .....Baby Blue
Music.....Pink
Nursing.....Apricot
Science .....Golden

Commencement is the most important event of the academic year on a university campus. On that occasion, the faculty traditionally recognizes the graduating class by marching in procession attired in the regalia appropriate to their degrees and the institutions where they were earned. Position in the faculty columns is determined by academic rank; persons of higher rank process first.

The column is led by two marshals wearing regalia in the colors of Northwestern State University. The marshals are chosen by their faculty colleagues on the basis of distinguished service and achievement. The marshals for the 10:00 a.m. ceremony are Dr. William Dickens and Dr. Marcia McLure Hardy. The marshals for the 3:00 p.m. ceremony are Mr. Paul Pharris and Dr. Ben Rushing.

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